

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ) AXIAL PISTON DRIVE WITH A  
OTFRIED SCHWARZKOPF ) CONTINUOUSLY ADJUSTABLE  
 ) PISTON STROKE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

In the Specification:

Beginning at page 1, between the title and the first line of text, the specification has been amended as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a<sup>1</sup>  
The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/EP00/08085, filed August 18, 2000, which international application was published on February 22, 2001 as International Publication WO 01/12988 A1 in the German language. The International Application claims priority of German Patent Application 199 39 130.0, filed August 18, 1999.

Before the paragraph starting on line 15 of page 1, insert the following:

Such an axial piston drive is known, for example from the patent US 3,304,886.

a<sup>2</sup>  
It is also known that axial piston drive with a continuously adjustable piston stroke can be used in particular for air conditioners in motor vehicles, specifically as coolant condensers.